

The French Broad Hustler

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL TICKET.

For President—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.
For Vice-President—John Worth Kern, of Indiana.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor—W. W. Kitchin.
For Lieut. Governor—W. C. Newland.
For Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.
For State Auditor—B. F. Dixon.
For State Treasurer—B. R. Lacy.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. Y. Joyner.
For Attorney General—T. W. Bickett.
For Commissioner of Agriculture—W. A. Graham.
For Commissioner of Labor and Printing—M. L. Shipman.
For Corporation Commissioner—B. F. Aycock.
For Insurance Commissioner—J. R. Young.

A CASE OF GROW GALORE.

The Statesville Landmark observes:

"After the Democratic State convention Editor Hildebrand, of the Industrial News, rubbed it in on various Democratic editors who had been pretty severe on Mr. Kitchin before the convention, jeering while they made the best of their dish of crow. Now Editor Hildebrand is having the dish of crow. It will be recalled that a few weeks ago he wrote a letter, which found its way into the newspapers, in which he denounced Mr. J. Elwood Cox, saying among other things that if Cox was nominated by the Republicans for Governor some one other than himself would have to write the editorials for the Industrial News supporting him, as between Cox and Kitchin he (Hildebrand) would prefer to vote for Kitchin. Hildebrand is eating his crow in silence mostly. It is to be said to his credit that so far he has not slopped over for Cox but he will come around all right by and bye.

Yet this is about the only thing in his connection with the case that is very greatly to his credit. The genesis of his hostility was an unsuccessful attempt on his part to pull the present candidate for money for the benefit of his paper. This gentleman declined to be pulled and hence these tears. The support of the Industrial News cannot be greatly valued under the circumstances, and as for crow, here it is in large if not tempting hunks.

—Charlotte Observer.

The Hustler wishes to "butt-in" long enough to say that Editor Hildebrand is not to be censured for endeavoring to "pull the present candidate for money," as the latter had made a specific promise to "come across with the goods" sometime "about the first of January," or thereabouts. Yet, when approached by the editor, Mr. Cox coldly informed the "leg puller," (if you please) that he had no time to talk to him. This we do not think is to the credit of any man much less a candidate for Governor.

It may be possible that Editor Hildebrand "will come around all right by and by," but in doing so he will lose the respect of every republican and democrat who has any regard for the truth. Did he not state positively that if Cox should be nominated he would vote for Kitchin? If he is a man of integrity, like the Observer used to picture him when employed as it's Washington correspondent, W. W. Kitchin will receive the vote of one republican, at least, in the November election.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, no democratic editor intimated, even, that he would not vote for and heartily support Mr. Kitchin in the event of his nomination for Governor. If any of them were foolish enough to go that far, they ought to take their medicine like little men.

Can it be possible that the statement made by Charles Toms before the republican State convention "that he would rather be defeated for lieutenant-governor on the republican ticket than elected governor on the democratic" is discredited by his own people? We see no hands up.

Mr. Crawford Honored.

The democracy of North Carolina, and especially of this mountain section, has long appreciated the splendid ability and unquestioned integrity of Hon. W. T. Crawford, the present able and popular representative of the tenth district in the National Congress. As Mr. Bickett puts it, "the war horse of the mountains—that great man who stands four square to every wind that blows." Mr. Crawford's exceptional ability as a public speaker and the prominent position he occupies in the confidence and esteem of the people, places him at the head of the list of distinguished democrats in this section of the South. In presenting Mr. Crawford to an Asheville audience recently Hon. Locke Craig referred to him as "a man whom all democrats love and all republicans fear, the leading representative of our state in congress." Exactly so, and the people of this district delight in honoring such a man.

Mr. Crawford has been a close student of political conditions for years and is recognized authority in controversies upon all public questions. Not only is this true here in his own district and native state, but, also, among great democratic leaders at the national capital. Evidence of this fact appears in the official record of congress, which shows that William T. Crawford, of the tenth North Carolina district, has been selected as a member of the committee on Banks and Banking, one of the most important committees of the House at this time. And when the Vreeland—Aldrich currency bill came up in congress for consideration Mr. Crawford was selected, by his colleagues on the committee, to make a speech defining the democratic position upon this great question. He accepted the commission and performed the task assigned to him with such eminent ability that the National Congressional Committee has incorporated his strong and convincing argument into the Campaign Handbook, thousands of which have been published and are being distributed throughout the country from Maine to California and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

No other representative from this district, we believe, has ever been thus honored and the old tenth feels justly proud of her able and distinguished representative, who is not only speaking to about 30,000 voters in Western North Carolina this year, but to millions of people all over the country. The Hustler feels genuine pleasure in noting the splendid compliment paid Mr. Crawford, the tenth district and our grand old commonwealth. Comparatively few men in public life attain national prominence, but pluck and perseverance always bring favorable results and W. T. Crawford deserves the best of everything that comes to an honest and pains-taking servant of the people. We congratulate a thousand times.

BRYAN AND THE LABOR VOTE

National Democratic Chairman, Norman E. Mack, announces that he has approved the plans devised by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor to aid in electing Mr. Bryan and will soon announce the chairman of the various labor bureau to be established in several of the larger cities and conducted under the general direction of the national committee, and the American Federation of Labor jointly. This agreement indicates the trend of sentiment in labor circles and means that Mr. Bryan is to receive the bulk of this vote. Mr. Gompers means business and wields great influence among those who toil. Other labor leaders are cooperating with Chairman Mack and things appear altogether rosy. When asked for a statement considering the result of his conference with the labor leaders Mr. Mack said:

"The Democratic National Committee will receive co-operation of the American Federation of Labor in every way," and Mr. Gompers tonight submitted to me the plans which have been formulated to effect an active campaign in the labor world in the interest of Democracy. These plans I regard as highly satisfactory and they will be adopted. The plans provided for the establishment of labor bureaus in several labor centers with a central labor bureau in Chicago at the Democratic headquarters. The national committee will appoint only members of the American Federation of Labor as heads of these bureaus and Mr. Gompers has given me a list of names of those who would be regarded as acceptable to the Federation.

Plans for sending out labor literature were talked over and national committee will furnish dates for labor speakers."

This looks like business and means the swinging of several doubtful states into the Bryan columns for the balance of power in a number of Northern and Western states lie in the labor vote. The labor people evidently mistrust Secretary Taft and do not regard his offers of friendship very seriously. They have tried Mr. Taft and found him wanting and value performance more than promise. Mr. Bryan is their friend and they know it.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN IS COMING.

The Hustler is pleased to announce the approaching visit of Hon. W. W. Kitchin to our city and predicts for him a cordial greeting. Henderson county folks always take an especial pride in extending the hand of welcome to North Carolina's distinguished men and Mr. Kitchin is universally considered as being one of them. No man in the state has been more in the public eye, during the past eighteen months, than W. W. Kitchin, who was nominated as the democratic candidate for governor, at the recent state convention at Charlotte, on the sixty-first ballot, after the most spirited contest ever witnessed in the political annals of the Old North State. In that contest Mr. Kitchin developed remarkable ability as a fighter which, added to his wonderful accomplishments as a campaigner, renders him capable of bringing things to pass in the present political battle against fusionism, republicanism, Butlerism, Adamsism and all other isms contrary to the established policy of the democratic party

in maintaining a decent government in this great state.

Mr. Kitchin is thoroughly informed upon political issues, state and national, and possesses the happy faculty of being able to present them in a clear, forceful manner. He is no new hand at the wheel, having been opposed for Congress, in his district, by some of the most accomplished debaters the republicans could induce to run against him. Mr. Kitchin first appeared upon the political battlefield as a candidate against Hon. Thomas Settle, a republican representative in congress, in 1896. He met that brilliant defender of g. o. p. policies and conquered him in one of the most interesting contests known to that section of the State, Mr. Kitchin being elected by a decisive majority. Since that time he has put to flight Ex-Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and every other candidate the opposition dared to "put up" against him. He is able, honest and courageous.

The tenth district owes Mr. Kitchin a lasting debt of gratitude for the valuable assistance he rendered Congressman Crawford in the contest with Richmond Pearson who finally succeeded in robbing Mr. Crawford of his seat, nearly ten years ago, by the narrow margin of one vote. In that fight W. W. Kitchin delivered a powerful argument in behalf of Mr. Crawford and stood by him to the end. He was advocating a just cause, to be sure, but performed the task with distinct credit to himself and the wise constituency which has kept him in congress for the past twelve years. Those who are fortunate enough to hear Mr. Kitchin when he comes to Hendersonville on the 16th of September will profit no little for having taken advantage of the opportunity to meet and greet one of the biggest men in the State.

Why the Republican News Will Not Support Cox.

The following letter from Editor Hildebrand, of the Greensboro News, gives to the public the reasons why, with Editor Hildebrand in charge, the News can not support J. Elwood Cox for Governor.

Greensboro, N. C., July 22, '08.
Mr. C. A. Reynolds, Winston, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Upon my return here after spending Sunday in Asheville, I found a letter from you suggesting the wisdom of nominating J. Elwood Cox for Governor. It is very rare—in fact, it has been only once or twice in my whole life, I believe, that I have allowed my personal feelings to enter into my newspaper work. In this instance I have found it to be mentally impossible to lay aside my prejudice against J. Elwood Cox. If either you or any other stockholder should insist upon the publication of a letter urging his nomination, I suppose I would print it, but if heed should be given to the advice and he should be nominated, somebody else would have to write the editorials supporting him.

When I came to Greensboro it was not the understanding that the duty of financing this business, which I found in horrible shape should devolve upon me. I have, however, done a good part of this work, thus relieving the stockholders and directors. Shortly after I came here I was

told that J. Elwood Cox would help us as he has frequently promised to do so. I made a trip to High Point and he told me that he would give us one hundred dollars for stock. This was about the tenth of December. He said if I would draw on him on the 15th he would honor the draft, but that if I could wait until the first of the year he would appreciate it. His relative, Snow, also promised to help us out on the first of the year. I went to High Point again about the second or third of January and was astonished, upon walking into the bank owned by Cox, to be told by him that he did not have time to talk to me. As he returned to his private office I remarked that I was not after an audience but after a check, but he made no audible reply. He knew that if I got near him he could not decently get around keeping that promise so he indecently closed the door in my face, and after cooling my heels on the outside of the bank for an hour or so I caught the first train back to Greensboro. Cox had broken both his engagement and his promise, couched in terms as definite as the English language could make it. When he broke that promise, and I got my snubbing, I was not working in my own interest, but in the interest of the only Republican daily paper published in this State, and I do not mind in putting it in black and white that if Elwood Cox should be nominated for Governor I would vote for Kitchin, for whereas, I have always regarded Kitchin as a good deal of an anarchist, I have always found him to be a gentleman in his relations with his fellowman.

Cox told me he was not asking any favors of the Republican party, but he lied about that, because he got his nephew appointed postmaster of High Point when every Republican in the State knows that the office should have gone to W. F. Fagan. Cox got this appointment through false pretenses. He led the Republican leaders to believe that with his money he expected to aid the party and this paper. But whether or not he has in the past asked favors of the party he is hot after some favors right now, and I propose to make it my chief end in life to see that he does not get them.

Very truly yours
W. A. HILDEBRAND.
I also got a frost from Snow.

The fact that Messrs. Crawford and Bickett are attracting large crowds in their campaign through the tenth district is, encouraging to democrats and bodes a decisive victory on the 3rd of November. When the people hear the truth there is no danger attending the results.

New York State is positively claimed for Bryan and Kern and leading republicans are disturbed. Looks like a land-slide to democracy this year.

If the democracy of Henderson is wise it will put forth a strong ticket for county officers and get busy in real earnest this year while conditions are so favorable, both state and national. As Congressman Crawford puts it: "This is a democratic year." Other counties in the State have overcome much larger majorities than Henderson. "Where there's a will there's a way."

If Taft should happen to slip into the "White House," he will leave hair on both sides of the hole. Bryan has certainly got him scared some.

Shall the democrats of Henderson County continue to lie down and be crushed? They are well able to wipe out the ring majority and have only to make up their minds, in real earnest, to do so. And how is the accepted time.

When Governor Aycock, Senator Simmons, Governor Glenn, Locke Craig, Senator Overman and other distinguished North Carolinians get out on the hustings in a short time there will be something doing sure enough in the state campaign. Two or more of them has consented to speak in Hendersonville. Senator Simmons will come here, if possible.

J. S. Adams has defeated Judge Murphy in the fifteenth district, comprising the counties of Buncombe, Madison and Transylvania. Judge Murphy carried Buncombe in the primaries, but Madison voted almost solidly for Adams, which gave him a strong lead. Both are good men and well qualified for the position. We regret that both cannot be named for the place.

Mr. Crawford says John G. Grant is going over the district, in country places where he thinks the people are ignorant, misrepresenting the democracy upon various matters, especially concerning the State Constitution and timber interests, but that the folks are not so ignorant as Grant imagines and "the finest judges of fakirs in the world." That's right, John Grant is not an ignorant, by any means, but has about the least regard for the truth of any political spieler in the wide world. Unscrupulous, yes, pretty nearly in Wiley Rector's class. But the people are going to find him out.

Do not forget that Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the next governor of North Carolina, will address the citizens of Henderson county on Wednesday, September 16th, at eleven o'clock. He will be accompanied by Hon. B. F. Aycock, democratic candidate for Corporation Commissioner. The latter is a brother of former Governor Charles Brantly Aycock and a member of the General Assembly of 1907-8. He is a farmer by "trade," but a rattling good campaigner and his presence here should attract a large crowd of "those who earn their bread in the sweat of their face." Come.

Organized labor all over the State is opposing J. Elwood Cox the republican nominee for governor. The reason for this lies in the fact that Mr. Cox, who is a wealthy manufacturer in High Point, acquiesced in closing the doors of his factories against union labor. The claim is made that Mr. Cox appeared in the controversy only as a mediator, but the labor people declare that every manufacturing establishment with which Mr. Cox is connected was implicated in the trouble and exhibited hostility to organized labor and, consequently, all wage-earners should oppose him for any public office.

1908 will go down in history as a democratic year. Mark the prediction. Let Henderson county fall in line, too.